



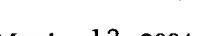
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~~EXAMINER~~ **PATENT APPLICATION**

*IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE*

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Advisory Action mailed February 19, 2003 in the above identified application for:

- one month (\$110.00)
- two months (\$420.00)
- three months (\$950.00)

A check to cover the fee is enclosed.

A response to the Office Action is being filed simultaneously herewith.

Please charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment, to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted

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